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Committee Clerk,

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S.B. 723

I am against the passage of SB 723

There is no need to create, with potential additional "*indeterminate administrative costs*" to the state, a new organ donations program via the DCH when Michigan already has a successful program run by the Secretary of State (SOS) office and/or without the privacy concerns of contracting with an outside agency.

\*See below for information on successful program run by the SOS

Privacy concerns of hacking should an outside organization be contracted to electronically store, access and transmit private medical information.

2. Additionally the fiscal impact as states in the Senate Committee analysis, "*Creating and operating the Registry would lead to indeterminate administrative costs* unless an outside agency is contracted.

So in order to avoid costs, the DCH would have to contract with an outside agency, again rising the specter of privacy concerns of hacking which is on the increase especially by China i.e.

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### **Report: China's Developing Cyber Skills Pose Threat to U.S.**

*"The report was written by defense contractor Northrop Grumman for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, which was set up by Congress in 2000.*

*It paints a grim picture for the U.S., whose defense and high-tech companies including Google have been successfully breached by suspected China-based hackers."*

[http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/251494/report\\_chinas\\_developing\\_cyber\\_skills\\_pose\\_threat\\_to\\_us.html](http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/251494/report_chinas_developing_cyber_skills_pose_threat_to_us.html)

### **NASA Was Hacked 13 Times Last Year**

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(EndPlay Staff Reports) - *Here's something scary: NASA Inspector General Paul K. Martin recently told Congress that hackers had "full, functional control" of some of the agency's most important computer systems at several points in 2011.*

The conclusion is that since the SOS already has a successful organ program with several avenues of easy registration including online that does not depend on an outside electronic data storage and transmitting system organization to administer and without the accompany privacy concerns or any additional costs should there be no contract, this bill creates a redundant and unnecessary potentially costly program with built in privacy concerns.

**\* Organ donor registrations up 89 percent in Michigan in February  
MARCH 1, 2012**

*Nearly 41,000 residents choose to give the gift of life*

LANSING, Mich. - *Nearly 41,000 residents joined the state's organ donor registry last month, an increase of 89 percent from Feb. 2011 and further evidence that Michigan is improving the odds for those in need of transplants, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced today.*

*Through the first two months of 2012, more than 82,000 people registered as donors in Michigan. That puts the state ahead of 2011's pace by 77 percent. Nearly 400,000 residents - a record number - joined the registry in Michigan last year.*

*Registrations have surged since May, when Johnson put a policy in effect requiring Secretary of State branch office employees, as time permits, to ask customers at the counter if they would like to join the state's donor registry. The department has also strengthened its partnerships with donation advocates and taken other steps to promote registration, including placing reminders on printed and online forms for customers.*

*<http://michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127--272615--,00.html>*

**Organ Donor Registry sees double-digit increase  
JUNE 6, 2011**

*New initiatives to encourage more Michigan residents to join Michigan's Organ Donor Registry are seeing early success, announced Secretary of State Ruth Johnson.*

*Among the new initiatives is a new policy requiring SOS branch employees to ask customers, time permitting, if they want to sign up on the registry.*

*"This May, we saw a 20 percent increase in the number of new registrations over May 2010," Johnson said. "Michigan has a long way to go, but that is so encouraging to us. I want to thank our employees who have really embraced this new policy, which is so critical to saving lives."*

*Michigan's organ donation partners applauded the news.*

*The Michigan Health & Hospital Association also commended the new initiatives.*

*"We applaud Secretary Johnson and her office for implementing a new policy that will significantly grow the Michigan Organ Donor Registry," said MHHA President Spencer Johnson. "The Secretary of State has been a strong partner and supporter of our efforts with Gift of Life Michigan and community hospitals to save and improve the lives of thousands of patients waiting for a life-saving transplant."*

*<http://michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127--257379--,00.html>*

There is no greater gift you can share than the gift of life. **Adding your name** <<https://services.sos.state.mi.us/OrganDonor/Registry.aspx>>

**to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry is easy!**

<<https://services.sos.state.mi.us/OrganDonor/Registry.aspx>> All you need is your name, date of birth and driver's license or state identification card number. After enrolling you will receive a heart sticker for your driver's license or ID card, designating your wish to be a donor.

**You can also add your name to the Organ Donor Registry when you are:**

- Renewing or replacing your standard driver's license or state ID card online through ExpressSOS <<https://onlineservices.michigan.gov/ExpressSOS/>>
- Visiting a Secretary of State office - simply let the clerk know you want your name added to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry
- Renewing your state ID card by mail. Check the organ donor box and your name will be placed on the donor registry.

<http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-34786---,00.html>

**Thank you  
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